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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

This Amendment is filed pursuant to a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 for the above-identified application. Applicants filed a Response After Final Rejection Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116 and a Notice of Appeal on March 25, 2003, received April 1, 2003. With this Amendment Pursuant to RCE, applicants effectively withdraw the appeal that was initiated by applicants' March 25, 2003 Notice of Appeal. A petition for an extension of time for three month, along with the appropriate fee, is submitted herewith. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.